

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2006

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, February 13, 2006 in Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

Vice President Lesser called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

Vice President Lesser
Commissioner Freeman
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner ZeBrack

Introduction of the audience followed.

(Commissioner Creary joined the meeting, constituting a quorum.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Lesser advised that President Davalos was unable to attend the meeting today.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- On February 7, 2006 the Board of Supervisors reappointed Commissioner Gravely to a two-year term.
- The 2002-2004 Commission for Women Status Report was sent to the Board of Supervisors, department heads, commissioners, some corporations and the L.A. Central Library.
- Thanks to committee chairs for giving ample notice to staff of their committee meetings.
- The 2006 Commissioners' Leadership Conference is May 25, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Music Center. Commission Officers are invited.

Commissioner Jernigan thanked President Davalos and the commissioners for sending flowers on the passing of her sister.

UPDATE ON AWARDS LUNCHEON PLANNING

Vice President Lesser reported on planning for the Awards Luncheon. Sponsors include United Health Plan, Kaiser Permanente, Boeing Corporation, Queens Care and the Pasadena Recovery Center. News anchor Leslie Sykes will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. The County Police Honor Guard and Just Friends Combo are confirmed. The next Awards Luncheon Subcommittee meeting will be February 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 372.

Commissioners spoke on time limits and scheduling of speakers for the Awards Luncheon.

(Commissioner Mummey joined the meeting.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2006

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gravely, and duly carried, with Commissioner Jernigan abstaining, the minutes of January 23, 2006 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice President Lesser reported on expenditures for the month of January, 2006. The beginning balance for January was \$22,330.50; expenditures were \$1,526.00; income was \$261.38; and the ending balance was \$21,065.88. The monthly allocation for February, 2006 is \$4,213.18

REPORT ON ACCW QUARTERLY MEETING

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on the ACCW quarterly meeting, hosted by the L.A. County Commission for Women on February 10, 2006 in Room 140. The ACCW discussed budget matters and planning for the ACCW Convention. Executive Officer Violet Varona-Lukens, the Keynote Speaker, spoke on the history of the Commission in fighting for women's equality. Other presentations included older women's issues and an overview of the Commission's activities and special events. Also, the ACCW recommended that the our Commission's Legislative Committee review AB 1015 and AB 1056.

Commissioner Freeman requested copies of domestic violence brochures and health screening cards. She also presented the DVD "The Race is On," about the scholarship reception and board presentation on January 10, 2006, which she co-produced with Ian Govnik of Hall Pass Productions. Commissioners then instructed staff to write a letter commending him for producing this DVD.

TRIBUTE TO CORETTA SCOTT KING AND BETTY FRIEDAN

Commissioners shared stories and memories of civil rights leader Coretta Scott King and women's rights leader Betty Friedan.

Genevieve Clavreul also noted that gay rights activist Betty Berzon passed away recently.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee: Commissioner Creary reported that at the committee meeting this morning Jessica St. John of the Office of Women's Health presented an update on

planning for the 2007 Women's Health Summit. The theme is "Women's Health: The Next 10 Years." She also announced the Office of Women's Health will host an event on February 28, 2006, "Latinas and Heart Disease" at St. Anne's Conference Center in Los Angeles. She also requested that staff provide service referrals for a constituent who attended the meeting this morning. Finally, she announced the next committee meeting on April 10, 2006 at 9 a.m. and requested staff to arrange a presentation from DHS on the King/Drew Medical Center.

Domestic Violence Committee: Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the committee would present its domestic violence recommendations to the Commission at its March 27, 2006 meeting.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Jernigan reported that the United States Congress is back in session. She reported on Megan's Law and announced the next committee meeting on February 27, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 372.

Media/Public Relations Committee: Commissioner Gravely reported the committee is focusing on publicizing the Awards Luncheon and requested commissioners to submit recommended web links to the committee by February 21, 2006. The committee's other activities include updating the Commission brochure and speaking points. The committee will hold a conference call on February 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Older Women's Issues Committee: Commissioner Mummey reported on the presentation of the Older Women's Committee at the ACCW quarterly meeting and spoke of her work updating the *Legal Guide for Widows*.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gravely attended the city controller's meeting on women in sports.

Commissioner Freeman attended the ACCW quarterly meeting.

Commissioner ZeBrack presented a \$500 check to the Women's Care Cottage and attended the ACCW quarterly meeting.

On February 9, 2006 Commissioner Creary attended the ARC/Mid Cities 50th Anniversary Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach. She received the Golden Dove Award for being a trail blazer in recognition of her dedicated service to people with developmental disabilities. She also received a framed certificate for being a "living" African-American History Awardee.

On January 26, 2006 Commissioner Rodriguez attended a briefing on the state of education at the City Club. She also attended the Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative meeting on February 1, 2006 at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. She also attended the ACCW quarterly meeting and the Health Committee meeting this

morning. Commissioner Rodriguez requested placing on the Commission's agenda for approval a request to have an informational table on domestic violence at the Hall of Administration. She went on to report that there are over 100,000 registered sex offenders in the State of California.

Vice President Lesser reported on her participation in the Women's Health Summit Subcommittee on February 2, 2006. She also attended the ACCW quarterly meeting and a recognition dinner on February 12, 2006 by South Bay Family Health Care Center in recognition of Beach Cities Health District and L.A. Biomed women's health research specialist Anita Nelson, M.D.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and place on a future agenda): Commissioner Jernigan requested that the Commission place on the next agenda a request by Supervisor Burke for the Commission to participate in an Aquatics Foundation event.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. in the memory of Coretta Scott King, Betty Friedan and Betty Berzon.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Charlotte Lesser, Vice President
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
Peggy J. Freeman
Wadie Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Janet Mummey
Olivia Rodriguez
Elise ZeBrack

EXCUSED

Karin Davalos, President
Reiko Duba, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Michelle Pinedo

UNEXCUSED

Barbara Perkins

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Gwendolyn Evans, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office
Sandra Pina Barbee, Executive Office
Steve Erickson, Executive Office

GUESTS

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul
Rone Ellis
Farlene McKinney